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Railmen Accuse Truman

WASHINGTON, June 3 (LPA) —Though the "Iron Horse" is rolling again, the repercussions of the strike by the Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen are still rending the country.

For one thing, A. F. Whitney, president of the Trainmen, has launched a war against President Truman accusing him of "double-crossing" the two Brotherhoods in the settlement they were finally forced to accept.

As evidence to back up this charge, Whitney released a stenographic transcript of conversations he and President Alvanley Johnson of the Engineers had conducted over the telephone with Truman and Dr. John R. Steelman, the chief executive's labor advisor.

Promise By Truman

The transcript dealt with phone calls the White House made to Whitney and Johnston on Saturday, May 18 just a few hours before the strike was originally scheduled. On the basis of that conversation, including a promise by Truman that they could get "further concessions," the Brotherhood chieftains declared a five-day "truce" in the strike and came to Washington to renew negotiations.

The "furher concessions" turned out to be an additional

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Fountain Picked As Aid To Winn

DETROIT, June 3 — Clayton Fountain was named assistant to Frank Winn, publicity director for the UAW-CIO, late last week, replacing Al Leggat.

Dave Connery, editor of the paper and publicity director under the R. J. Thomas regime, drew two weeks' severance pay this week under his American Newspaper Guild (CIO) contract.

It is expected that he will rejoin Thomas' staff as publicity man after Thomas gets a complete listing of appointments in his Competitive Shops department.

Connery was brought to the union's payroll by Thomas in 1942. He became editor of the Automobile Worker last fall upon the death of Edward Levinson.

Fountain was formerly of Walter P. Reuther's General Motors department, where he edited GM FACTS. He will join the Detroit Guild's labor and miscellaneous unit.

Attention Ohio Legislators

SAN FRANCISCO (LPA)—A worker whose union membership would be endangered if she took a job offered her is entitled to turn it down and still collect unemployment compensation in this state. The important ruling by the Division of Appeals of the California Dep't of Employment was handed down last week in a case involving a member of the AFL cannery workers union.

Miss Frances Z. Oakes of San Jose turned down a job with a packing firm where she would have had to join a CIO union and resign from the AFL union. She had taken an oath not to join a dual organization on becoming a member of the AFL, and the state ruling upheld her in protecting her original union membership.

Friend Or Foe?

Do you recognize these 12 men? They're all U. S. Senators. And they've all been in the midst of the current Congressional fight on restrictive labor legislation.. Six of them have been pretty consistently on unionism's side; the others have either proposed anti-labor legislation recently or supported it. Before you read the next sentence, see if you can name them. (L. to r. top row (Ellender (D., La.) anti-labor; George (D., Ga.) anti-labor; LaFolletee (Progressive, Wis.) pro-labor; Byrd (D., Va.) anti-labor; Wagner (D., N. Y.) pro-labor (L. to r. second row: Murray (D., Mont.) pro-labor; Morse (R., Ore.) pro-labor; Smith (R., N. J.) anti-labor; Taft (R., Ohio) anti-labor; Kilgore (D., W. Va.) pro-labor; Ball (R., Minn.) anti-labor. (LPA)

UAW-CIO Plans Second Annual Baseball Night

Handicapped Children, Knothole Gang To Be Local 12 Guests

By Wilbert (Birdie) Rule

Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO Region 2-B director, announced today that the Second Annual UAW-CIO Baseball Night would be held at Swayne Field on the night of Tuesday, July 23, when the Toledo Mud Hens will play the St. Paul Saints in a regular American Association baseball game.

The festivities of the UAW-CIO Baseball Night will begin with a preliminary game between the Local 12 team and the Old Dutch Beers at 5:30. These two teams are entered in the two divisions of the Toledo Amateur Baseball Federation and each team is leading in its class. The teams have been friendly baseball rivals for a number of years and each has a large following.

To Distribute Tickets

Tickets sale for the affair will be under the direction of Harold Dean, Local 12 representative and will be handled through the executive shop committees. Efforts will be made by Mr. Dean and his committee to distribute enough tickets to fill the large baseball park.

In the First Annual Baseball Night, held last year the Local 12 Baseball Committee attracted the second largest crowd of the season at Swayne Field.

Children Will Attend

Inaugurating a new policy, handicapped children of Toledo and members of the Baseball Knothole Gang will attend the baseball games as guests of Toledo business men and other friends of Local 12 who are donating the tickets. Walter Madrzykowski, UAW-CIO International Representative is in charge of the arrangements and has prepared a full evening of entertainment for both young and old.

Mr. Madrzykowski says that there will be lots of peanuts, candy noise makers, clowns, and entertainers for the handicapped children and the "gang", and promises that it will be a night that they will long remember.

Ayling-Packard Raise Announced

Wage raises for employes of the Ayling-Reichert Co. and Packard Motor Co. were announced this week by Lloyd Speidell, Local 12 recording secretary.

Employes of Packard will receive 18½ cents increase retroactive to Feb. 18. About 118 employes will benefit.

Fourty-five employes of Ayling-Reichert were granted an 18 cent wage hike under the terms of their contract just negotiated.

Packard's negotiating committee was headed by Jerry Biddle, Unit chairman. Also serving were Lee Shafer, Ned Twining, George Danko, George Fisher, Albert Weckle, Edmund Zentgraf.

Howard Rediger, representing Local 12 and Walter Murphy of Richard Gosser's International UAW staff also took part in the negotiations.

Members of the Ayling-Reichert contract committee were Chairman Denzil Sheckler, Mary Danafrio, Mary Kwiatkowski, Catherine McCoy, Fred Welty, Myrl Clayton, Ann Meyers, Merle Beltz, Horace Appleby, Clarence Macklin and John Stager.

Frank Malik member of the Local 12 executive board represented the Local in the negotiations.

Moral: — Unionism Pays

NEW YORK (LPA)—Fired on one day's notice last week were all but three of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's script reading department, some of whom aged up to 65 had worked for MGM as much as 20 years but were not union members. The three retained through transfer to other departments, are members of Screen Office Employes Union-CIO.

2-B Wage Raises Are Announced

Two new wage increases for Region 2-B Locals were announced this week by Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director. Benefitting by the increases were 275 employes of the Defiance Screw Machine Co. and the Square Deal Body Co. of Delta, Ohio.

Total increase given the employes of the Defiance Co. amounted to 17-cents with 15 cents retroactive to February 8. The Workers are members of Local 638, UAW-CIO. Vacation pay was added for the year 1944 when the company failed to pay the vacation bonus.

An added feature of the contract was a $50 bonus to all veterans who returned to work for the company. A 30 day reopening clause and checkoff were also written into the new agreement which was signed on May 20.

Members of the negotiating committee were Edward Fricke, chairman, Leonard Fricke, Trevor Hoeffel, Lowell Moore, Mahlon Hall, George Biesinger and Leo Hassellschwert.

Delta Plant Terms

Retroactive pay increases from Feb. 24 ranging from 15 to 25-cents an hour was granted 60 Square Deal Body employes, members of Local 925, UAW-CIO in their recently agreed contract.

A vacation plan providing for employes with the company for more than six months grants a minimum of 24 hours pay to 96 hours for employes with five or more years service..

Other contract clauses provide for union shop, check-off and 30 days reopening clause.

Members of the committee which negotiated the contract were Elmer Finney, chairman; Solomon Ruse, Ray Gillingham and Harry Finney.

Harold Kolbe, International UAW-CIO representative from Director Richard Gosser's office participated in both contract negotiations.

OPA Aids Hungry

WASHINGTON (LPA)—OPA has announced that restaurants may reduce or eliminate customary portions of bread or other wheat products without reducing prices; also the Famine Emergency Committee has asked all restaurants to serve bread or rolls only on the request of the customer.

Teamsters Win Strike

PHILADELPHIA (LPA) — End of the AFL Teamsters' 15-day strike against three newspapers here put a period to the local tabloid Daily News' supremacy on the newsstands. Both morning dailies, Inquirer and Record, and the other evening paper, the Bulletin, reappeared when their managements signed two-year contracts with AFL Local 628. Immediate increases of $7.50 a week for day drivers and $6 50 a week for night drivers, plus increased vacations and other benefits, were gained.

SCANDAL!

Members of the International UAW-CIO executive board in a special meeting in Cleveland this week condemned President Truman's anti-labor legislation and severely criticized the OPA.

Said President Walter P. Reuther about OPA, "What we'd like to know is why OPA can grant a $20 price increase on $2 worth of chrome and call it an engineering adjustment? The auto price situation is the biggest scandal in the country."

Truman Decision Awaited On Case Anti-Labor Bill

DiSalle Promises UTC Report

Vice-Mayor Michael V. DiSalle, chairman of the United Toledo Committee which waged a successful campaign in favor of the payroll tax ordinance at a special election held here April 11, promised on Tuesday of this week that the long delayed accounting of the United Toledo Committee would be filed this week with the Board of Elections.

Mr. DiSalle made a fine point in distinguishing between the United Toledo Committee and the United Toledo Campaign Committee saying that the latter spent the money which was given it by the former.

Eight Week Delay

Report of the United Toledo Committee due eight weeks ago was delayed when George Crosby, one of the leaders of the organization could not find time to prepare it.

Questioned by the UNION JOURNAL several weeks ago about the report, Mr. Crosby said that he did not think the payroll excise tax ordinance was a political issue and was under the impression that the law did not require filing an accounting.

Despite notification by the Board of Elections of the failure of the United Toledo Committee to file its report, the Lucas County prosecutor's office has made no attempt to force compliance and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Friberg is still studying the state code to see if there is a law to compel the United Toledo Committee to give an accounting of its election income and expenditures.

DiSalle Will Check

Mr. DiSalle said that he had given orders to the Committee to get the report ready and let him look it over before turning it in to the Board of Elections. If it is "satisfactory" it will then be filed.

Meanwhile newspaper headlines proclaim that Mr. DiSalle is demanding an accounting of the city manager on the allocation of the funds derived from the payroll tax.

Railway Express Settles

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Seventy-five thousand Railway Express Agency workers went back to work last week with the same 18½-cent-an-hour raise previously granted to the railroad workers A wage dispute, which began last October, nearly resulted in a strike on April 25 but negotiations were resumed in time to avert the walkout. Three unions were involved: Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, International Association of Machinists and International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers.

To Dedicate FDR Memorial

CIO Gift To Benefit Crippled Children

Dedication of a wading pool donated by Toledo CIO members to the Society for Crippled Children in honor of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, will take place at the Society's Central Ave. Convalescent Home, Saturday, June 15.

Funds for the Roosevelt Memorial Pool were donated one year ago by CIO members who decided upon the gift to the crippled children as a fitting memento to the late President Roosevelt. The pool proposal was first advanced by the Willys-Overland Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO.

Dedication ceremonies will begin at 2:00 p. m. when Richard Gosser UAW-CIO director and chairman of the Memorial Fund Drive presents the pool to the Society for Crippled Children. Acceptance of the gift will be made by George C. Sheppard, president of the organization.

Invitations to the dedication are limited to officers of Toledo CIO unions which donated funds to the memorial and to religious and civic leaders.

Arrangements for the ceremonies are being handled by Walter Madrzykowski treasurer, and Tom Burke, secretary of the Memorial Fund.

Construction work on the pool was done by the Henry J. Spieker Co. The figure which adorns the center of the pool was fashioned by one of America's leading artists from Indiana limestone.

But Can They Read

WASHINGTON, June 3 (LPA) —Maybe with the idea that congressmen haven't read the reams of mail they've received demanding continuation of the Price Control Act, a plane circled over the Capitol one day last week and slowly and methodically wrote out across the sky: SAVE PRICE CONTROL.

"You know," said one pro-labor senator. "that writing is just about as high as prices are going to go unless we pass a strong OPA bill."

"Displaced" Poles Reach U. S.

NEW YORK (LPA) — The first postwar imigrant ship from Germany, the SS Marine Flasher, docked here last week with several hundred passengers, including a group of Polish, Jewish labor leaders whose passage had been paid and arranged by three International Rescue and Relief Committees." The Polish labor men and women, now "displaced persons," come to this country under existing immigration quotas and the IRRC will aid them in becoming established in their new lives here.

War Costs Exceeds Wealth

CHICAGO (LPA) — The incredible wastefulness of war for the United States alone was shown recently by the Bureau of Economic and Business Research of Illinois University which found that this nation's wars have cost more than all the wealth accumulated since 1775. The war bill totals $414 billion while all industrial plants, stores, homes farms and other property is valued at $300 billion.

Millions vs Cents

NEW YORK (LPA)—The 118-day Westinghouse strike cost the company a pretty penny—$18,724,601 to be exact—during the first three months of this year, Westinghouse President G. A. Price admitted to stockholders last week. For the same period last year the firm showed a net profit of more than $4,000,000.

The company's 25 plants were closed by the walkout of 75,000 employes for all but 15 days of the three months ending March 31, Price reported. Stockholders inclined to brood over whether the company shouldn't have given the 18½ cents early in the strike were offered these additional figures to chew over: orders booked were $106,000,000 compared with $312,000,000 for last year's period; orders unfilled $373,000,000 compared with $608,000,000.

Settlement of Mine Strike May Effect Veto Outcome

WASHINGTON, June 4 (LPA Special)—Nobody seems to be sure what the President's decision will be with respect to the Case Bill which is now awaiting the presidential signature or veto although the concensus is that the bill will be disapproved by President Truman.

Yesterday a rump session of congressmen was called to acquaint other members of Congress with labor's side of the present legislative controversy over President Truman's draft labor bill requested of Congress on May 25.

Appearing for CIO President Philip Murray was Robert Lamb who read the CIO leader's statement condemning President Truman's proposed legislation on the grounds that it suspended the 13th amendment to the constitution and instituted criminal procedures to drive the workers back to their jobs against their wills.

Congressmen Sign Petitions

Names of 100 congressmen, representatives and senators have been signed to a petition being circulated among the members of both houses calling upon the President to veto the Case bill. What effect this will have upon the President's decision may only be guessed, since some observers here profess to the belief that the bill may be signed in view of Congress' action in tearing the heart out of Mr. Truman's proposed legislation.

There is a tension in Washington seldom found in peacetime with some labor leaders proclaiming that they are "sick and tired of the whole

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L-M-C Secretary

That Toledo's Labor-Management - Citizens Committee is ready to intensify its activities was indicated here on Tuesday of this week when it was announced by Vice-Mayor Michael V. DiSalle committee chairman, that Jerome Gross, 234 Kevin Place had been unanimously appointed permanent committee secretary.

Mr. Gross, for the past several years on the Toledo Blade's editorial staff has covered the labor-management front for two years including the meetings of the Labor-Management-Citizens Committee.

A native of Northwestern Ohio, born in Mercer County, Mr. Gross has had wide experience in the newspaper field. Before coming to Toledo he was news editor of the Zanesville Ohio News and previously published a weekly newspaper in Lancaster, Ohio. He has also been a reporter and state editor of the Dayton Journal.

Mr. Gross is married and lives with his wife Rose and daughters Rita and Betsey at 234 Kevin Place.

Try This Lunch

MINNEAPOLIS (LPA) — Students at University of Minnesota for two lunches last week ate a 200-calory lunch of potato soup, dark bread and weak black coffee instead of the usual 1,000-calory, 38-cent lunch. The nearly 30 cents saved was given to the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, to purchase food packages.

2-B Conference Bids Sent Out

Delegates To Consider Important Problems

Invitations and credentials to all UAW-CIO Local Unions for the Region 2-B summer conference to be held at Cedar Point, June 22 have been mailed out it was announced on Monday of this week by James Crowley, assistant to Regional Director Richard Gosser.

Mr. Crowley indicated that interest in the conference is running high in Toledo UAW Locals and Uuits due to legislation which has been recently passed in Washington and the breakdown of price controls which have nearly erased recent wage gains made by the workers.

"We expect the same interest will prevail throughout the rest of the region and that the coming conference will be one of the best attended ever held," he said.

Agenda Being Prepared

Howard Seren of Director Gosser's staff is in charge of the conference agenda which will be sent to all UAW-CIO Locals prior to the meeting.

"We are preparing the agenda carefully in order to cover every point that needs our attention," said Mr. Seren. "One thing we are certainly going to place on an important place in the meeting is political action after what has been taking place in Washington during the past 10 months," he added.

Sessions will be held at the Breakers Hotel from 10:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. followed by a dinner for the delegates.

Standard Asks For Court Postponement

Another Back-To-Work Move To Be Attempted This Week

PORT CLINTON, June 4 (Special)—Satisfactory progress has been reported by officials of Local 497, whose members have been on strike at the Standard Products Co. here for the past 100 days.

While progress is being made in negotiations with the company management, union officers see in this as well as other signs evidence that the company is again sponsoring an undercover effort to generate another back-to-work movement.

Claude Coons, former UAW-CIO member who turned strike breaker in a Saginaw, Mich, plant and was eventually promoted to plant manager of the local company, has been particularly agreeable in contract negotiations. At the same time, he has been busy seeking out "satisfactory" people to incite the striking members of the union and cause them to begin a back-to-work movement.

Additional evidence of the company's duplicity was seen when the company management last week asked for a two weeks postponement of the contempt-of-court hearing before Judge Russell Maxwell in which Tom Kenny, Local 497 president, and three other officers of the union were accused of breaking the injunction granted by the court April 19, restraining the union from interfering with workers who wished to enter the plant.

No good reason for its request to postpone the case was given by the company. Union officials are fully alert to the newest attempt to break the strike by an

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Truman Aids Fear Labor Reprisals

Unions Are Turning Away From President In Force

WASHINGTON, June 3 (LPA) — Widespread political repercussions of President Truman's slave labor proposals continued to come from every section of the country this week and White House advisers were fearful that they might continue into the 1948 presidential campaign. Truman, it is admitted, could not win without the labor vote.

Labor organizations were turning from Truman in wholesale lots and many unions pledged themselves openly to work for his defeat. There were weighty omens, too, in the actions of Commerce Secretary Wallace, former Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau, National Citizens Political Action Committee, and in the violent break with Truman made by at least a dozen senators who had hitherto been his staunch supporters on all previous legislation.

Wallace Refuses Comment

Wallace significantly and point blank refused to tell newsmen that he would back Truman in 1948, and this less than a week after he had declared in New York that he would.

Morgenthau called the Truman proposal "vicious" and "undemocratic" and charged the President "has renounced the Roosevelt philosophy and the Roosevelt policy." Consequently, he said, the nation is "in a state of crisis today."

NC-PAC denounced the Truman legislation along with the Case Bill as "the most drastic restrictions on civil liberties ever urged by a president or seriously considered by the Congress." Calling on the Senate to reject Truman's demands and the Case Bill, the NC-PAC asserted that "In effect, they would suspend our constitutional guarantees of freedom; they would substitute un-American totalitarian methods of settling

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Prices Wiping Out Recent Wage Raises Says Richard Gosser

UAW Head Says New Wage Demands Will Be Coming

New wage demands will soon be forthcoming from the workers due to the rapid increase in prices according to Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director, in a statement made prior to his departure for the special UAW-CIO International Board meeting in Cleveland.

Pointing out that the 18½-cents-an-hour increase which has been granted generally throughout industry had been accompanied by price increases in steel, automobiles, clothing, food, and many other commodities, the UAW head said, "I do not know what the basis for the price increases were in the face of the well known econmic fact that wages always go up after prices.

"There does not seem to be any gain for the workers when they are given an increase which is almost immediately followed by increases in prices. We know that prices went up all during the war out of all proportion to wages, but now that the workers are back on the 40 hour week without a reduction in prices, it seems economically unsound to grant additional price increases because the workers have been granted wages to meet the old prices.

"Out of Line"

"Prices today" added Director Gosser, "are completely out of line with the wage structure. They make it impossible for the average wage earner to get by unless he is able to tap his savings, if he has any, or to cash in

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Seniority Decision Hits Hershey Ruling

Court Upholds Union Position; Stops Veteran Superseniority

WASHINGTON, June 3 (LPA) — Superseniority was given the final heave-ho by the U. S. Supreme Court last week thus ending a two year legal battle with a smashing victory for labor and a crushing defeat for the American Legion and Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey.

At least six court challenges were brought by the CIO and AFL on Hershey's anti-labor interpretation of the Selective Service Law.

The court ruled that a veteran returning to his job steps back on the "seniority escalator" at the point "he would have occupied had he kept his position during the war."

Provisions Distorted

Reading the majority decision, Justice William Douglas declared that provisions of the act would be distorted "if we read it as granting the veteran an increase in seniority over what he would have had if he had never entered the armed services. No step-up or gain in priority can be fairly implied," the court continued. "Congress protected the veterans against loss of ground or demotion on his return. The provisions for restoration without loss of seniority to his old position or a position of like seniority mean no more."

Hershey Promoted Fight

The heated and costly fight began in May, 1944, when Hershey issued the notorious Local Board Memorandum 190A which required that a veteran be reinstated to "his former position or one of like seniority, status and pay even though such reinstatement necessitates the discharge of a non-veteran with a greater seniority."

It was known then that the American Legion had "egged on" the director to make this non-legal interpretation and labor men within the Legion have since charged that the Legion's bureaucracy poured $25,000 "down the drain" to keep Hershey fighting for it.

The case on which the Supreme Court ruled was brought on appeal by the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers-CIO. Abraham Fishgold, a Brooklyn welder employed at the Sullivan Drydock & Repair Corp. was laid off for nine days during the first year after he returned to his job from the Army.

Both CIO and AFL had argued in all their court briefs that superseniority ultimately worked to the detriment of the veteran and that it would disrupt not only union contracts but labor relations generally throughout the country.

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Amvets To Hear Union Talkers

DES MOINES, Jan 3 (LPA)—Representatives of 60,000 members of the American Veterans Committee will gather here June 14-16 for the organization's first national convention.

Already established as a liberal veterans' group with "Citizens First, Veterans Second" as its slogan the AVC has fought actively for the Wyatt housing plan and a strong price control program in addition to improvement of veterans' legislation.

More than 1500 delegates are expected to approve a constitution, select a permanent name and take action on domestic and international issues. Speakers will include Commerce Secretary Henry Wallace; CIO Secretary Treasurer James B. Carey, and Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers-CIO.

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2½-an-hour wage increase, in lieu of working rules changes demanded by the Brotherhoods. A 16c-an-hour raise had previously been awarded by an Emergency (Fact-Finding) Board and two arbitration boards to the rail workers.

Whitney charged that this "concession" amounted to even less than the Emergency Board had recommended, since that board in addition to the 16c boost, had proposed some changes in working rules which the two Brotherhoods claimed would aggregate in money value more than 2½c an hour.

Called "Double-Cross"

In press interviews and speeches thereafter Whitney aired charges that the President's "compromise" constituted a "runaround and double-cross" and he threatened to use millions from the Brotherhood's treasure to defeat Truman for reelection.

None of the other 18 Brotherhoods went along with Whitney in his "double-cross" charge, though all condemned the drastic "anti-strike" bill that Truman asked of Congress.

Resistance of 110 carriers to the wage increase has put the White House in an embarrassing position.. Administration officials had promised that all of the carriers would be required to pay the raise before they were turned back to private hands. However, someone in the Administration blundered and let loose all the railroads before the promise had been fulfilled.

Call On Administration

All of the 20 railroad unions are insisting that the promise be carried out and have called upon the Administration to take action.

Should the "holdout" roads continue to resist, strikes may eventually be called on some of them. One such walkout—on the Hudson and Manhattan, an electric commuter line running between New York City and Jersey towns—started last Thursday. The strike was ordered after the carrier refused to put into effect the 18½c.

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attempt of the management to catch them off their guard.

Union officials are pointing out that previous company-inspired back-to-work movements proved complete failures and that those who were active in organizing it were exposed, and expressed their complete confidence that the present plot will prove to be as dismal as the previous ones.

Tom Kenny, Local 497 president, expressed complete confidence in his people and said that "in the clutch they will come through. We have too much at stake in this fight to give up now and we will not call off our strike until an agreement satisfactory to the union has been completed."

Information is going the rounds here that the back-to-work movement would take place this week and that the company management was relying on the injunction and postponement of the union officials' court case to ease their way in breaking the strike.

Jeepers Creepers That's Jive

Hundreds of workers of the Champion Spark Plug Co., members of the Champion Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO crowded into the Trianon ballroom for the annual shop dance on May 30 and cut a fancy rug. The orchestra attracted considerable attention with their hot numbers and entertained the crowd as well as furnished them with dance music. Unit members called the affair a "great success."

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business" and clamoring for independent labor political action.

Settlement May Help

Many political observers here see in the settlement of the United Mine Workers strike good reasons for the veto of the Case bill but the fact still remains that the danger of the maritime strike may have its counter influence upon the presidential decision.

Members of the maritime union here are missing no opportunities in criticizing the President since his speech to Congress demanding repressive legislation to end "strikes against the government. Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach has managed to keep their criticism down in official conversations.

Despite the view held here that the President will veto the Case bill, nobody will come out with an outright prediction that he will do so. This, coupled with the resentment said to exist in the White House because of the coalition of conservative Republicans and liberals in the Senate to take the heart of the President's legislation makes such a prediction hazardous.

Indignation Still Mounts

Indignation flooding from organized labor, big business, senators, churchmen, farm groups, veterans' organizations, scientists and citizens poured out following the President's speech of May 25 in an almost unprecedented torrent still continues, branding the proposal as totalitarian, fascist, slavery and viciously anti-democratic.

What the President's reaction to the wave of denunciation against him by labor leaders, Democratic senators, businessmen and Republicans is not known, but it is safe to assume that he is fully aware of the storm which his speech loosened.

Provisions Of Bill

If the Case bill is approved and signed by the President, it will carry the following provisions:

1. Creates a federal mediation board with power to stop strike action for 60 days.
2. Gives managements the rights to sue unions for breach of contract.
3. Takes away bargaining rights for anyone involved in violence while striking or picketing in violation of the law.
4. Prohibits secondary boycotts. Violators may be punished with loss of bargaining and re-employment rights.
5. Forbids unionization of foremen.
6. Forbids employers to contribute to welfare funds controlled by unions.
7. Establishes heavy jail sentences and fines for interference with goods moving in interstate commerce.

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his war savings bonds, if he hasn't been forced to do that before now."

In view of the economic situation where industry is in a position to reap the same high profits which it earned during the war, the workers will surely be back for additional wage increases, according to the UAW-CIO director.

Increases Are Noted

Director Gosser pointed out that approximately 15 million dollars in wage increases have been won in Region 2-B of the UAW-CIO. "This may seem like a sizable amount of increases" said Mr. Gosser, "but when we observe the increased cost of food, clothing and other basic necessities it doesn't seem adequate to take care of the workers and give them the standard of living to which they are entitled."

"If the millions of additional dollars in the workers pocket represented actual increased purchasing power, we would be insuring our own and our country's prosperity. As it is, we are merely getting more money and not enough added goods for the raises which have been granted," he added.

To Discuss Plans

Director Gosser said that price control, wages, living costs and political action would be given increased attention during the next few months by the Auto Workers and said that these points would be among those to be given serious consideration when the UAW-CIO regional conference is held on June 22 at Cedar Point.

"One thing is certain" said Director Gosser, "something is going to need to be done to relieve the workers of the terrific economic burden which is being placed upon them by the failure of OPA and the administration to live up to their responsibilities. Something is going to be done by the workers to remedy a situation where the men we elect to Congress are ready and willing to go along with the rights of ownership and neglect human rights."

Mr. Gosser expressed the opinion that the International UAW-CIO would soon state its policy on wages that that it would be to ask for more wages at the same time insisting that the price structure be held intact.

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labor disputes for the traditional, democratic processes of free collective bargaining."

Mrs. Roosevelt Opposed

"Naked, open fascism" was the way the slave-labor bill was described by President James G. Patton, of the National Farmers' Union.

Mrs. Roosevelt expressed hope that Congress would pass legislation "barring the draft provision in peacetime" and said that "the use of this weapon against strikes does interfere with men's fundamental liberty to work or not work."

Former Interior Secretary Ickes condemned the proposal as "the heaviest blow ever struck in America against fundamental rights of labor and the democratic traditions of our country."

Third Party Rumbling

Rumblings of third party action intensified but as yet without clarity. That there was growing conviction that Truman and much of his party not only had abandoned the Roosevelt tradition but had even betrayed it.

A. Philip Randolph, president of the AFL's Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and chairman of the recently formed National Educational Committee For A New Party, declared, "President Truman's vindictive strike-breaking actions in the railroad crisis may yet do some good. The call of A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, for the defeat of President Truman, will be echoed by all progressives."

Labor Rakes Truman

By far the strongest condemnation of Truman came from the ranks of organized labor. AFL President William Green lashed out at the proposed legislation as "slave labor under Fascism."

CIO President Philip Murray asserted that "in a moment of wild hysteria an attempt is being made to stampede through Congress legislation which has as its sole aim the destruction of the labor movement of this nation."

Harvey Brown, president of the International Association of Machinists (independent), assailed Truman and stated flatly that "Our 700,000 members will do everything we can to prevent his re-election. We will carry the fight to the ballot boxes in his own district. And you can't make that statement too strong."

Whitney Pledges Union

A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, one of the two unions involved in the crisis that preceded the Truman proposals, pledged his union's 220,000 members and $2,300,000 in its treasury to Truman's defeat. "Truman," he said, "has had our wholehearted support for many years. We now repudiate him for the un-American statement he made over the radio last Friday evening and for his fascist proposal to Congress last Saturday."

The 15 non-operating rail brotherhoods that did not participate in the strike declared in a statement issued on behalf of their 1,300,000 members that Truman's proposed legislation will be resisted by the common people everywhere."

Reuther Adds UAW

Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers-CIO, with the agreement of the top officers of his union, called upon CIO President Murray to "confer immediately" with AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods officials on plans for a united fight against the Truman program.

Sidney Hillman, head of the CIO Poltical Action Committee, who had not previously criticized Truman, condemned the slave labor bill for giving the government "the most extreme and autocratic controls over the liberties and democratic rights of American workers ever seriously proposed in the history of our nation."

The storm that rose around Truman failed to budge him from his determination to push for the slave law, however. On Friday, nearly a week after his address to Congress, he defended it and complained that it had been misunderstood.

Who Sold Truman?

One of the prime mysteries of the whole matter was the question of who sold Truman on the whole idea of the legislation. At first it was thought that the man responsible was Reconversion Director John P. Snyder, but later the finger pointed with greater certainty to John R. Steelman, Truman's "labor adviser."

Columnists Joseph and Steward Alsop finally brought the charge into the open in a column which said "The speech and message were composed by Dr. John Steelman . . ." Labor leaders have long had good reason to believe that Steelman was directly responsible for the "cooling off" and "fact-finding" proposals advanced months back by Truman.

L. A. Tieup Ends

LOS ANGELES (LPA)—This city's 25-day old transit strike ended here last week when members of Transportation Division 1277, ASER and MCE voted 1788 to 322 to accept a compromise settlement. Four thousand unionists struck on May 3 when negotiations, which started April 10 broke down. The union demanded $1.25 an hour with management refusing to go higher than $1.21.

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Door prizes were won by Flo Nadolny, Edwin Walczak, Joseph Krasinski, D. Kwiatkowski, Mrs. William Eckert and Mayme Binder.

SICK REPORT

Mrs. Claude Hess, member of the Flying Squadron, is recovering in Toledo Hospital from serious injuries received a week ago at Morenci, Mich. We all wish Mary a speedy recovery and extend our sympathy to her.

Otto H. Scharf, vice-chairman of the Flying Squadron is in Robinwood Hospital where he is recovering from a recent operation.

Harriet Willis, another member of the F. S. has recovered from her illness and has returned home from St. Vincent's Hospital.

What is needed out in the County is a Political Action Committee of 20,000 members and we could get anything we wanted for the little sum of one dollar ($1.00) per year. For information on P. A. C. call MAin 9126 or visit room 410, Local 12 Hall between 9:00 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. daily—Saturday 9:00 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.

Slim Farrison, who is a shift electrician and warks in Department 403 is almost seven feet tall. He asked why all of him, with his good looks, could not get his picture in the Willys bulletin and was told to contact Bud Pacholski and if they could find a film long enough it would be done.

Carl Hurst is sporting a convict hair cut and his head looks like a billiard ball. He said he had it cut off to get rid of dandruff.

The second shift is lucky as they have one of the best nurses by the name of Becky Kind, who you can find anywhere.

The Acklinite

By Martin Bachli

At this time, credit must be given to Cyrus "Toots" Martin, Local 12 representative, and Frank Young, unit chairman, for the wonderful job done for the service men in Acklin in getting them a decent vacation period and pay, and for bringing the shop grievances to date.

One of our better fishermen, Leo Carr has had consistent luck in the Maumee River. He fishes the east channel from the east side of Horseshoe Island, to the end of the channel at the Terminal bridge at the junction of the corporation limits of Maumee and Toledo.

Jimmy Zawadny from the Big Line wishes to treat all those who cheat on the standards to a dressing down wih a rubber hose loaded with shot. It seems the company will now lower the standards on certain jobs, due to the stolen time piled on them.

After seeing the vicious job done by the scourge against organized labor led by the reactionary forces in power, we again appeal to the workers. Be sure to register to vote and join the PAC to defeat office holders who would deprive the working class of a just and right way of living in a democracy.

CIO Studies Canada Law

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Toronto, Canada, was host last week to a group of 20 CIO officials invited to the city to study Ontario's model Workmen's Compensation Law. The group headed by CIO Reconversion Director Ted Silvey, included representatives of international unions and state industrial councils whose work is concerned with state labor legislation and compensation programs.

GIMCRACK GEMS—

Little Oswald rises to ask if Frankensteen will be a fellow-traveler now that he has turned industrialist.

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Add famous sayings: "Let's go to work and go to work." Boy, page Gertrude Stein, who once said, "The way to begin is to begin to begin to begin."

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Perhaps the reason why the coal miners won their strike and the railroad workers were forced to return to work is because only the coal miners could break the coal miners' strike and vice versa.

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Having conducted their anti-Reuther caucus, the Addes-Thomas-Leonard bloc will or will not confirm Reuther's appointment? Peace. It's wonderful!

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While the striking workers of America have forced the bosses to put 18½-cents increase in one pocket, the bosses induced OPA to remove it from the other one.

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It has been reported that the General Foods Corp. has made a study of radical and labor publications to see where America was going. They could save a lot of time and trouble by sending an inquiry to Postmaster ator Taft. Wonder if they read the Daily Worker.

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Add contrasts: Vice-Mayor Michael V. DiSalle who as chairman of the United Toledo Committee, has failed to force his organization to give an accounting of the funds received and expended by it to win the special income-payroll tax election, now demands an accounting of City Manager George N. Schoonmaker on the allocation of the income-payroll tax funds. Ah, consistency, thou art indeed a jewel.

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Newspaper headline: *Communists Lose Out in France.* If this continues, they will have to take back Earl Browder.

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If all the screwballs in Congress were laid end to end, they would not reach from Podunk to Zrofgtt, but it would still be a lot of screwballs.

CIO Buys Five Billions In War Savings Bonds

WASHINGTON (LPA) — CIO members have bought about $5 billion worth of war bonds and "employes in industries in which CIO has strong organization had the best record of any group in the country," the United States Treasury Department last week informed CIO President Philip Murray.

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The naked truth of what the nation faces without continuation of price controls was depicted (or almost) in a demonstration of unionists, veterans and consumers at Pontiac, Mich. The placard-carrying group marched from the city hall to the county building where they distributed price control literature and postcards to Sen. Vandenberg (R., Mich.) asking him to support renewal of the price control act. Among the speakers who addressed the gathering at the county building was Arthur Law, Pontiac's mayor and active member of the United Auto Workers-CIO. (LPA)

Briton Offers Good Comment

NEW YORK, June 3 (LPA)—An oblique, but clearly phrased statement that restrictive legislation cannot curb strikes was made here last week by Sir Walter Citrine general secretary of the British Trades Union Congress.

Speaking at a luncheon given in his honor by the League for Industrial Democracy, Citrine charged that "There are a great many people living in a fool's paradise. They imagine that by putting restrictions on labor they will attain their ends. It is a very dangerous game to play. In my trade union life I have not yet seen any legislation that could restrain any trade union movement if the movement wanted to act."

CIO Heads Fly to Russia

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Three CIO leaders will fly to Moscow next week to attend the quarterly meeting of the World Federation of Trade Unions executive bureau. Representing CIO President Philip Murray and Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO), both of whom are unable to make the trip because of pressing developments in the United States will be CIO Secretary Treasurer James Carey; R. J. Thomas vice-president of the United Auto Workers (CIO), and Michael Ross, international affairs adviser to Murray.

Champion Unit Sparklets

Can you top this? Andy Beczynski got a cottage for his vacation, he says, and I quote "You catch fish that are so big its all you can do to carry them" one fish will feed a family of four." Oh yeah???

Just a reminder, the International Strike Assessment is due before the end of the month.

Frank Fialkowski is back on the job after a short vacation with Arthritis. Who is this friend of yours Frank by the name of Arthritis???

Seen hanging on a ladder the other nite with a paint brush in his hand was none other than Gene Drozd of Dept. K.

The Champion Golf teams are rapidly reaching the top of their respective leagues. After last Sunday's match the Class A team has 69 points while the team in first place has only 70 points. The Class B is in third place with 58½ points, while the first place team in this league has 67½. Watch then next week.

Velma Esling is back with us again, all smiles with joy. Guess what? Hubby is home.

We all are glad to see Al Stoney back on the job after being off sick. Take care of yourself "Al" you're not as young as you used to be.

Watch the bulletin board or the UNION JOURNAL for the schedules as to when the Champion Softball team will play their next game. Then plan to attend.

Negro Named To ANG Meet

WASHINGTON, June 3 (LPA)—The first Negro ever to be elected as a delegate to the national convention of the American Newspaper Guild-CIO from below the Mason-Dixon line was named by a large majority of the Washington Newspaper Guild last week.

Lowel Lomax 37 year old reporter for the Afro-American, second largest American Negro newspaper, was credited by fellow Guildsmen with having organized the previously unbreakable Washington unit of the Afro chain. After the Washington paper's contract was signed Afro-American papers in Newark Richmond, Philadelphia and New York were quickly organized.

Commutator Comments

Mildred Smith is quite a sprinter. When Bob mentions straightening she breaks records getting to the job.

Congrats to Kate Baker who is again wearing double harness.

Leona is back after her illness and we're gald.

It would help liven up the place if Jerry would bring his squeeze box in to play for us at noon.

With the sheriff present at the game last week, Sam Scott's collection took a marked turn for the better.

It looks like a lot of our folks are going to get down to the Local office and pay up. The book inspection showed it. Keep up your dues folks and don't get into the mess of being suspended.

B. D., must have gone to dad's for Sunday dinner because the wrong guy came in with chicken legs this morning.

Big hearted Blanche Dewey is giving all her lunch to the shop mice. This serves two purposes. It makes Blanche slimmer and the mice so fat they can't get into their holes and then she catches them.

Ragging the Scale

By Elsie Jaye

Wonder how "Fearless Fosdick" learned the identity of yours truly. He's really not such a bad guy, after all.

Our friend, "The Leader," is on a 30-day leave-of-abscensing way up in Northern Mich., with his mother, Mrs. Kenny, for a cook.

The committee is going to buy E. Harvey Parker a large lead belt buckle as a prize for circulating a wildcat petition.

There is much activity among a group to rename Affiliatin' Herm. They say Agitatin' is a more appropriate name.

There are at least two whirlwind, if sometimes inaccurate, sources of idle information in the plant. Chas. Cramer, and Tim (Uebelhart) Hartigan.

There will soon be a direct drive in our plant to increase membership in the PAC. You will be called on during your lunch period, if possible, to explain the reasons and advantages why you should "Spend Your Buck," and help this working man's political committee all you can, that it may help you all it can.

Our Unit balance should be materially increased by the back payments of all those who refused to join when we received the bargaining rights of the plant.

Harry Gruber, genial inspector of Dept. 25. has an idea for saving food. He suggests that anyone over 35 lbs. in weight per foot of height be refused the use of the lunch wagons. That way he figures much waste fats would be used up locally.

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An Old Fallacy

In pointing out that increased commodity prices have almost completely wiped out recent wage raises, Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO director, placed his finger accurately upon an old fallacy regarding wages.

There can be no doubt that the OPA, big business, newspapers and the forces which form public opinion, have to a considerable extent succeeded in convincing a large part of the public that the higher prices of commodities are due to the higher wages granted to labor.

Director Gosser in pointing out that wage increases always follow price advances was making an observation that every worker in this country should know. It was true during the war and it is true today, that the wages of the workers never did balance with the price structure and that only by long hours of overtime during the war were the wage earners able to keep up with increasing prices.

OPA, big business and the newspapers have sought to make it appear that the price hikes have been due to increased wages, when it is obvious that exactly the opposite is the truth. Thus, when the disparity between wages and prices reaches the point where the workers cannot earn a fair living, more wage demands are made and eventually won and more price hikes come about, again on the grounds that increased labor costs force the increases in prices.

Through this upward spiral comes an inflationary process, which, if not controlled by government eventually leads to a breakdown in the economic chain with a resultant downward spiral in which wages decrease first to be followed by prices. The upward spiral is completely reversed and the wage earners, if they are fortunate enough to have jobs, find themselves again handicapped in a deflationary process which leads to economic stagnation, and as was the case in the last depression, to near-chaos.

While millions of dollars in increased wages have ben granted to the Auto Workers in Northwestern Ohio, the value of the inflated dollar becomes meaningless in the face of advances in all prices which conspires to rob the worker of his gains and places him in the same position in which he found himself following V-J Day when he suffered a 30 per cent loss in pay due to reduction of working hours.

In the face of the inflationary process which is taking place, and we are told that this is only the beginning, there can be no alternative for the workers except to seek additional wages.

We all know what has occured in the past few months as a result of labor's demand for justifiable and necessary wage increases. Strikes, industrial warfare, anti-labor legislation, governmental strike breaking and a bitter struggle in which labor has been victimized by a hostile press, a stupid administration, reactionary legislators and big business have robbed the workers of their just demands and turned a large section of public opinion against all labor.

To combat the forces which have been at work, and to a large extent succeeded in discrediting labor, it is necessary that the unions of the country unite themselves in common cause against their common enemy. They must begin now, before it is too late to effectively combat the forces which have not only deprived them of their just wages, but which have sought and succeeded in making the American people believe the lie that prices follow wages.

"I charge that the motives (of the real estate lobby) are to perpetuate the housing shortage in order to continue to gain speculative profits . . . at the expense of veterans."
—Wilson Wyatt, Housing Expediter.

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Dog foods and platinum were freed from price ceilings recently and platinum prices immediately jumped $21 an ounce. Incidentally, have you tried to buy anything for a dime in a dime store recently?

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Speaking of the revised Full Employment bill, Senator Robert A. Taft said recently: "The 'full employment' is eliminated, the 'national reassertion of the right to work' is eliminated, and the bill does not bear any resemblance to the bill which was orginally introduced. I do not think that any Republican need fear voting for the bill."

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The Natl. Federation of Telephone Workers, which will hold its 12th annual convention starting June 2, may be starting a revolution that will break the hearts of many old-time union orators. Its proposed new consitution provides that "No nominating speech may exceed two minutes in length." It wasn't many years ago, old-timers recall, that a candidate for union office was looked on with the deepest suspicion if his nominating speech didn't last more than three hours.

Political Action

by Clayton Rusch
Chairman of the Political Action Committee

One of the principles upon which this nation was founded is the proposition that "Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed." In other words the government derives its authority from the people. It follows from this that the government has an obligation and a responsibility to the people.

In attempting to tackle the labor problem and take steps to prevent industrial strife, the government is only fulfilling its responsibility.

In attempting to superficially remove effects in an arbitrary manner and doing nothing to remove the causes of strikes, the government is failing in its responsibility. When Congress and the administration attempt to solve the very rights which labor has won only after years of hard and bitter struggle it fails completely to understand either the problem or its correct solution

Organized labor as a whole does not seek or desire strikes. The strike weapon is used only as a last resort. For example, no strike can be called in the UAW-CIO except with the authorization of the International executive board.

PRINCIPLES

CIO unions have four guiding principles which must be complied with before a strike is called. These are:

(1) Conditions must be intolerable;

(2) Other means of settling the dispute must be exhausted.

(3) The harm which will accrue to others as a result of the strike must be less than the gain sought by the union.

(4) The strike must have some chance of success.

The government definitely has a responsibility to attempt to prevent strikes from taking place. This responsibility can be fulfilled in the best interests of fall the people if ways are employed to remove the causes of strikes. This means an improved conciliation service. It means pressure must be applied on certain recalcitrant employers who refuse to bargain in good faith with the Union who represents their employees.

To attempt to solve the problem by curbing the right to strike is class legislation of the most brazen sort. It is nothing more or less than an attack upon one of the most basic rights of the people.

LEGISLATION AND CONCILIATION

Legislation to compel factory owners to operate their plants, whether or not they made a profit, would be no more ridiculous than legislation to compel employees to stay on the job whether or not they earn living wages.

What we actually need is legislation to guarantee a minimum annual wage. In the meantime the workers must use their economic power to compel their employers to pay a living wage. This means the right to strike cannot be curbed unless we are ready to abandon the whole idea of a nation of free men and women.

Although anti-labor legislation directly affects the welfare of those who labor, and this group is indisputedly a majority, the welfare of the farm, small business, and professional groups will be adversely affected by such impractical attempts to solve the labor problem.

Everyone of us should sit down right now and write to the President, also Senators James Huffman and Robert Taft and to Representatives Homer Ramey and George Bender, Washington, D. C. on this issue.

We must inform our elected representatives that improved conciliation service and better compensation laws will greatly help matters and that passage of anti-labor legislation will only shake the very foundations of this nation which is "dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

"Why don't they just phone?" From The Militant

It's News To Me . . .

By O. J. Pecord

News from Washington brings information that a lot of labor leaders are completely fed up with both the Democrats and Republicans and are toying with the thought of launching a third party to be composed of labor, farmers and all who are in sympathy with the objectives which such a party would have.

It is the opinion of most progressive labor leaders and social thinkers that the labor movement in this country is not going to go very far politically until it has its own political party, and there is a lot of merit and truth in the idea, but the ideal and reality are far apart and labor cannot afford to let its wishbone run away with its sense of reality.

Looking at the labor movement in America today, we find that it is completely divided because of the jurisdictional nature of the unions involved.

We discover that both the CIO and AFL are organizing the South and that the struggle not only involves fighting the reactionary industrialists below the Mason and Dixon line, but in fighting each other to prove to the workers that each is the best union.

John L. Lewis for organizational reasons has taken his United Mine Workers back into the AFL, while the International Machinists, because of a jurisdictional dispute in the AFL, took their union out and became independent.

UNIONS AND UNIONS

In the railroad industry we discover that there are 20 unions involved and that many are working at cross purposes. So disastrous is the division among the rail unions that President Truman was able to break the Brotherhoods strike with a threat, secure in the knowledge that the only ones who could and would break the strike were the railroad unions themselves.

What worked in the railroad strike will not and did not work in the coal miners' strike, because the miners, while composed of different crafts, are united in a strong industrial union. The only ones who could break the coal strike were the miners. Realizing this, the coal miners were able to ignore government seizure and win their points.

Independent unions, such as the MESA and others, some years ago formed a confederation of independent unions for the purpose of uniting their forces for joint economic and political purposes. Today, the confederation has fallen apart with each union going its separate way.

And in the face of all this division in the ranks of labor, we are asked to believe that the unions of this country, uniting themselves with the farmers, can succeed in bringing about political unity and an effective political party.

Such a contention, while it is idealistic, is definitely not realistic in the face of the very apparent fact that labor cannot succeed in uniting even in its most important consideraion, its common economic interest.

EDUCATION NEEDED

What is needed and what some unions are making a sincere endeavor to give their members is political education which is the only possible answer to the problem of labor's political disunity.

One of the outstanding jobs ever done by any union is that which has been initiated and continued by the CIO's Poiltical Action Committee. The fact that some CIO leaders are clamoring for united labor political action is living proof that the education campaign is beginning to work, for those who study the political situation as it affects labor cannot help but eventually reach the point where they realize that independent poliical action is futile unless all of labor is united behind the movement.

As a matter of fact, there will never be any successful independent political action by labor until labor itself becomes united. Since this is obviously far away at the present time, it must of necessity follow that independent political action will not and cannot succeed when labor unions are still in process of organizing the unorganized and consolidating their gains.

THERE IIS HOPE

Nor is the answer to the problem of labor in the political field to be found in some mixbreed type of political organization, for it is not human nature to check its other interests at the door as it enters upon a program with other unions and the same divisions which now exist in labor organizations would be carried over into the political field.

Despite the many obstacles which impede the organization, progress and success of independent labor political action, there is still hope. There are always groups of reactionaries in Congress and every state legislature who by their reactionary measures force labor to unite from time to time in its common interest. These are the people who will eventually manage to pull the major error which will actually wipe out jurisdictional lines sufficiently to drive the workers into the type of unity that must prevail before political sucess is possible.

In the meantime, a vast educational program for the workers must be undertaken by all labor unions to acquaint their members with the fact that their economic interests and poliical interests are not separate and distinct things, but one and inseparable. If any considerable number of Americans ever reach that point, and it will probably be a long time before they do, we will not need worry about independent political action for labor. It will come as surely as night follows day, and nothing, not even labor leaders themselves will be able to prevent it.

While we are waiting for the labor movement to reach political unity, we should do our part by joining PAC and contribute our bit to our own and the political education of our fellow workers both in and out of CIO.

On Prejudice

by Ruth Taylor

Do you know the story of the Southern judge who said he could always tell the way a jury would vote provided he knew where lay the **preponderance of prejudice.**

He knew his people. Too often we make up our minds not according to the facts, even as we know them, but according to our prejudices, our instinctive likes and dislikes.

I once knew a man who always used to say—generally in the midst of my most hectic argument—that a woman's intuitions were usually her suspicions. I resented that. Naturally. But I have to admit that, if the wording is changed to "intuitions are usually suspicions" the fact is correct.

We just don't use our heads after we get to arguing. We talk in generalities, rather than on specific cases. We say it is because to be specific is to be rude. It isn't. If you see something of which you disapprove done by an individual, say so but keep it to the individual and don't damn the group from which he comes as well. Don't lump people into one category. You wouldn't like it yourself.

ANNOYING

Doesn't it annoy you when anyone picks out one labor man, and says all labor men are crooks because this or that one isn't a plaster saint? You instinctively come to his defense, in order to defend your group. (And you usually make matters worse by so doing because you make up in heat what you lack in facts.)

And yet—don't you often do the same thing?

Don't let us be swayed by our prejudices. Let us keep our own thoughts clear and above such represensible practices. And let's not coin phrases. It isn't any better than coining money—and usually the product is just as false.

Organized Labor has suffered too much from prejudice throughout the years for its members to ever be guilty of this error. Now when, in the heat of conflict, there is tensity of feeling let us be especially careful in this regard. We must keep cool, stick to facts and not allow prejudice —which in reality is lack of knowledge—to rear its ugly head among us.

Squibs . . .

By LOREN NORMAN

More and more labor is finding itself on a treadmill; today's gains are wiped out in tomorrow's price increases. We must adopt some plan of fighting the thing at both ends.

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What Lies Ahead?

A Chicago Sun writer, Willard Shelton, says it might be a good thing if Congress would pass the drastic labor curbs some of its loudmouthed members have been ranting about. It might prove, he says, that anti-labor legislation won't work if it merely seeks to doctor the boil instead of the bloodstream and it might bring labor together to fight its common enemies.

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Acually the strikes are not the cause of the trouble. They are the result of the trouble. They are the ripples on the surface signifying greater upheavals below. We may yet come to realize that what was happening in the spring and summer of 1946 was part of a great revolution in man's ways of thinking, in his habits or production and distribution, in his method of controlling the great forces that dominated the economic life of the world for two centuries.

Gambling With Health

By BEN DOR

How much health do you want?

Congress is now deciding how healthy the American people shall be. The answer that Congress comes out with will depend a lot on your answer to my question. How much health do you want?

How many babies do you want to die each year? How many mothers do you want us to lose? How many children do you want crippled and killed by the disease of childhood? How many cases of TB and cancer shall we let go uncaught until it is too late to stop their dirty work?

I remember a teacher I had once. He was an expert on fire control, but he also knew a lot about health. He said over and over to us during the class, "Public health is purchasable." You can't keep people alive forever, but you can ransom a lot of them from the diseases that kill and cripple millions of us each year."

It's up to Congress—and you. How much health do you want?

DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

Three years ago, there was introduced into Congress the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill. Maybe you recognize the names of the sponsors. They have a long record of writing and supporting laws to take care of the basic needs of the people. But they also know how to protect your democratic rights while taking care of those needs.

The bill they introduced would provide the money and the Federal supervision for a good program of hospitals and clinics, medical care, and the training of doctors and nurses. But it would also protect your right to choose your own doctor, or to join some voluntary health service plan if you wanted to.

Since it was introduced the bill has kicked around in Congress getting nowhere.

Why? Is it because this country can't afford to spend the money?

A country that can turn out $200 billions worth of stuff a year can afford to put a small part of that into keeping itself healthy, and taking care of itself when it does get sick. A country that has millions of people out of work would be smart to put some of them to work building hospitals and curing the sick. But most important of all, we're already spending the money this program would need but we aren't getting the services that this bill would get us.

UNFIT

Forty percent of the boys examined for military service were found unfit for duty. At least 1/6 of them had minor defects that could have been remedied. Many more of them had other troubles that medical care could have prevented. But the boys and the care just didn't get together.

Maybe the bill was never taken up because we're so far ahead of the rest of the world that we have no right to any more medical service. After all we're the richest, most modern country in the world. Do we lead in health, too?

Not so's you could notice it.

Then why did the bill roll around for three years without a hearing?

Because people like Taft of Ohio can't see past the dollar sign. Perhaps they'd rather see people live insecurely and die prematurely than spend the dollars that health and security might cost, and agree that the worker has the right to proper medical care. Because some high priced doctors like things the way they are, and will spend the money to convince millions of other people to leave bad enough alone. Because so many Congressmen spend their time looking for people to hate instead of for children who can be kept straight and strong, for middle aged people who can be kept alive and well, for older people who can be kept comfortable during the last years of their lives.

Your labor organization is working for the bill. Philip Murray and William Green joined with other like-minded citizens in sponsoring the Committee for the Nation's Health (402—6th St. N. W., Washington, D. C.) to help get the bill passed. But your union and the Committee need your help too.

Think of the kids who need your help. Think of the mothers or the old folks—or your own aches and pains. Pick out your own symbol of why you want this nation to be healthy and well. And then —get into the fight for that symbol.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser
Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

Our economic system from its very beginning has experienced a series of peaks and depressions where we go from business boom and high production to unemployment and all that joblessness means to those who must work for their livings.

We of the labor movement do not subscribe to the belief that such extremes of employment and unemployment are necessary. As an aid to maintaining purchasing power we have suggested, and in some small ways succeeded, in obtaining part of what we believe to be a partial remedy for periodic depressions.

Unemployment compensation and pensions, while they have aided in some mays in overcoming the worst phases of unemployment, are definitely not the complete answer to our problem. They are but part of the answer. The real answer is the annual guaranteed wage.

LEGISLATION NEEDED

In my previous articles on this subject, I expressed the belief that we could obtain 80 per cent of the average annual wage earned by the worker through legislation and urged that labor take steps to gain this legislation by united action upon the national and state legislative bodies.

I am convinced that as long as unemployment can at times be more profitable than employment that there will continue to be periods when mass unemployment will prevail. This is the idea behind the guaranteed annual wage, for when workers receive 80 per cent of their pay when unemployed, the need for unemployment no longer exists since a large share of purchasing power still remains in the hands of the workers.

I realize, of course, that there are those who will claim that the guaranteed annual wage places a premium of shiftlessness and encourages workers to prefer loafing to working, but I can see how unemployment compensation is handled and know that this would be a very minor obstacle in the way of a guaranteed annual wage.

NO HARDSHIP

It is not the wish of labor to work a hardship on employers, and such a guaranteed income would not be a hardship, for industry would actually be priming the economic pump from which it derives the benefits of profits.

No doubt there would need to be some governmental aid which could come from some type of fund paid for by the industries themselves in somewhat the same manner that the Federal Insurance Deposit Corporation insurance works for banks.

If we can insure bank accounts up to $5,000, I can see no reason why we can't insure jobs for the workers. As a matter of fact, unless we do guarantee income, bank deposits drop or completely dry up, credit stagnates and we enter a deflationary spiral that we now know does not automatically end.

Guaranteed annual wages for the workers is not visionary and impractical. It is both necessary and desirable if we are going to insure a continuation of a healthy and progressive economy. We can obtain this just as surely as we have obtained our other gains, by legislative action and in gaining another advance aid both labor and business to a more stable and healthier condition

Washington Labor Report

By Bradford V. Carter

SMALL PICKINGS

John D. Small, administrator of the Civilian Production Administration, is probably responsible for more goods lost to the economy than the loss caused by the strikes of the miners, engineers and trainmen combined.

Irrespective of the merits of the statistics, it comes with exceeding bad grace for Mr. Small to charge that the mine strike had set back the production of important consumer durable by three months.

From the very start of his association with the WPB, and later the CPA, Small has been the spearhead of the campaign for the lifting of wartime controls. Along with his boss, J. A. Krug, then WPB chairman, Small worked and talked ceaselessly for the immediate resumption of business-as-usual despite severe shortages in the civilian economy. Of a piece with the rest of the Small ideas, it is worth noting parenthetically his avdocacy, toward the end of the war, of a civilian manpower draft.

Krug and Small turned a deaf ear to the pleas of OPA that the maintenance of price controls would be impossible unless the WPB and the CPA maintained their controls. Bowles made out an extremely effective case that unless the supply of materials were controlled it would be utterly impossible to maintain price regulations and quality regulations.

NATION PAYS

The nation is now paying the price for the indecent haste with which Small and his business cronies in WPB demobilized production and allocation controls. We are paying for it in terms of the unavailability of low-cost housing and clothing. And in the last analysis, much of the current turbulence may be attributed to the unwillingness of the government to accept any responsibility for what happened to the economy the day after war was over.

Mr. Small was a central figure in the lifting of WPA controls over construction materials which made it possible for the speculative high price builder to get materials ahead of the community which needed to build homes for veterans. When the disastrous effects of this decontrolling became apparent (even to Mr. Small), he magnanimously decided to give preference for building materials to houses selling for not more than $10,000. That was a joke too because there were few veterans or workers who could afford to buy a $10,000 house.

Now, what I am getting at is this—Small and his associates operated solely on the basis of getting rid of controls, not on the basis of the kinds of controls necessary to maintain a healthy economy during the transition from war to peace. In doing this he worsened the progress of reconversion regardless of whether it meant more profit-making for business already overflowing with profits.

Loew's Valentine Theatre Offers Guest Tickets

"A Night In Casablanca" An Inspiration To Ted Teschner For Dialogue Contest

by Burny Zawodny

A co-op contest is to be run for two weeks in the Toledo Union Journal and Loew's Valentine which begins this week.

Here's a contest in which you can win guest tickets to the Valentine Theatre. The Marx Brothers in "A Night In Casablanca" coming soon to the Valentine are noted for their zany comedy and snappy comebacks.

In the layout shown on this page we give you the actual dialogue used along with each picture, the idea is to have the participants think up a line that tops the one used.

Burny Zawodny

There's gold in them thar Marx's so come one come all, send in your dialogue.

Mr. Ted Teschner manager of Loew's Valentine and yours truly Burny Zawodny of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL are going to be the judges for this contest. Send all of your dialogues to the Valentine Theatre, St. Clair and Adams Sts.

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Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer stars took four out of nine possible honors in a recent popularity poll conducted by Woman's Home Companion, full results of which are announced in the magazine's June issue.

Greer Garson, for second straight year, took feminine first place in the poll, receiving two of every five votes cast by cross-section of 3,600,000 readers. Walter Pidgeon and Clark Gable took second and third places on the male list, while Margaret O'Brien received mag's annual honorary award.

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Tunesmiths **Johnny Burke** and **Jimmy Van Heusen** will turn out three new songs for "The Emperor Waltz" . . . Now that "Suddenly It's Spring" is completed Director **Mitchell Leisen** is planning a cruise on his 80-foot schooner, "Escapade II" . . . **Joan Fontaine** and RKO exec **William Dozier** terminate their honeymoon in Mexico when Joan reports back to Paramount for wardrobe tests on "The Emperor Waltz" . . . **Signe Hasso,** starring with **Bob Hope** in "Where There's Life," is one gal who knows how to reach the top in a hurry. Her house is on the summit of a high hill and is reached by a steep stairway. So she's installed an escalator and makes the grade sitting down.

Norman Panama and **Melvin Frank,** who scripted "Monsieur Beaucaire" for **Bob Hope,** are writing a play for fall production on Broadway . . . Keep your ears tuned for Burke and Van Heusen's "As Long As I'm Dreaming," which **inBg Crosby** warbles in "Welcome Stranger" . . . Lovers of the week: **"Marjorie Reynolds** and hubbie **Jack Reynolds,** celebrating his birthday. She gave him a solid gold watch . . . **Sharon Brodheim,** age six months, makes her screen debut as **Olivia de Havilland's** child in "To Each His Own."

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Mr. Charles Gross, representative of Local 12, UAW-CIO, was celebrating his 25th anniversary at the Latin Club. I wonder why do you, Brother Gross, take time out for his family only on certain occasions, hm-m-m? (Too much union business.)

Role As Teacher Causes Nostalgia

HOLLYWOOD. — If Virginia Farmer plays her scenes as a teacher in an exclusive girls' finishing school with especial realism in Paramount's "Our Hearts Were Growing Up," the reason is well founded.

In the early 'twenties—period in which the film sequel to Cornelia Otis Skinner and Emily Kimbrough's "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" is laid—Miss Farmer was a student at such a school and one of her classmates was none other than Miss Skinner.

"Another crony was Ann Harding," Miss Farmer added.

"Believe me this school episode strikes me as particularly nostalgic," the actress told Gail Russell, who plays Cornelia Skinner in the picture. "It takes me right back to the past."

Star Dust

STAGE—SCREEN—RADIO

Released by Western Newspaper Union.

By VIRGINIA VALE

When Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake hit New York they just never stopped going; the stars of the movie's "Blondie" series and the CBS Sunday show are popular young people, and some of the season's nicest parties were given for them. "I havent seen anything of New York, really," said Penny. "And what do you think happened to me? I gave my clothes to the

PENNY SINGLETON

hotel valet to press, and I guess 'Dagwood' did my black crepe dress; it was pressed up and down instead of across, so now it's a lot longer than it was, and so tight that I look just like a sausage in it!" But with that cute face and wide smile, nothing could spoil her looks.

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When you see Paramount's The imperfect Lady,, look at the driver of the carriage in which Teresa Wright and Virginia Field ride. He's George Jenner, who was carriage footman to Queen Vitcoria for two years, 1892 to 1894, the period in which "The Imperfect Lady" is set. He met arriving foreign potentates and conducted them to Buckingham palace.) So it's practically type casting.

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"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again" and think of Ray Milland. Th world seems to be his since he made "Lost Weekend," but he made three trips from from London to Hollywood before he finally his stride as a film actor.

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For a brief Shakespearean episode with Sonny Tufts and Michael Chekow in Cross My Heart," Paramounted rented a set from John Carradine which he is reported to have purchased for $50. Paramount paid Carradine $400 a deek.

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When George Burns and Gracie Allen take their summer vacation—June 6 to August 29—Meredith Wilson will carry on for the summer, with the King Sisters and Ben Gage.

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If you're interested in the career of a prospective Warner Bros. star, don't miss seeing Dorothy Malone in "Jamie Gets Married"; she's one of eight players being groomed for stardom. She also has a leading role in "Cry Wolf," in which Errol Flynn and Barbara Stanwyck star.

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Irene Rich, who makes her first film appearance after five years' absence from the screen in Republic's "The Angel and the Outlaw," owns and operates a 1,000 acre ranch near San Bernardino, Calif.

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You'll see Ann Richards walk up a staircase, turn and go out of sight in "The Searching Wind." That was the last shot of the day, and the company ganged up on her; Director William Dieterle asked her to do it once more. So up the stairs and out of view went the blonde star. Then she came back, and found that while she was on her way up the whole company had quietly beat it.

Seen On A Hollywood Movie Set

HOLLYWOOD — They are calling kid star Butch Jenkins "great lover" on the set of "My Brother Who Talked To Horses" at Metro - Goldwyn - Mayer—and Butch doesn't like it, even a little bit!

The moppet is about to do his first puppy-love scene with blonde Ann Lace, his eight-year-old leading lady in the movie. The scene is a Baltimore street in 1909. Ann, swinging her school books jauntily, is walking in front of Butch, who follows her with awed eyes.

Suddenly, Butch breaks into a run, a loose shoe sole flopping noisily. He jogs beside the blonde tot and offers to take her books. She hands them to him quietly and they continue their walking. Afterwards, Peter Lawford asks, "Welll, Butch, how did you like your first love scene?"

"Aw!" growls the red-faced Butch, "I like my scenes with the horses better!"

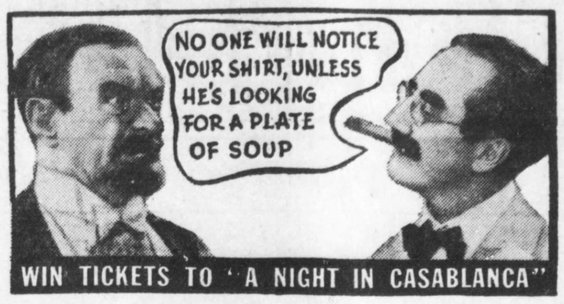
FILMLAND FASHIONS

"Cotton Cut-ups" is what Marsha Hunt calls her new playclothes. Playsuit is one-piece, of white linen, with backless top to allow for that sun-kissed look, and pleated tailored shorts. Top of bodice is edged in black yarn embroidery. With it Marsha occasionally wears a wrap-around white linen skirt, also trimmed in the black wool.

This ensemble has a matching bolero which turns it into a summer suit.

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Guest tickets to the winners of "A Night in Casablanca" Contest which is coming to Loew's Valentine. Instructions at the bottom of these pictures.



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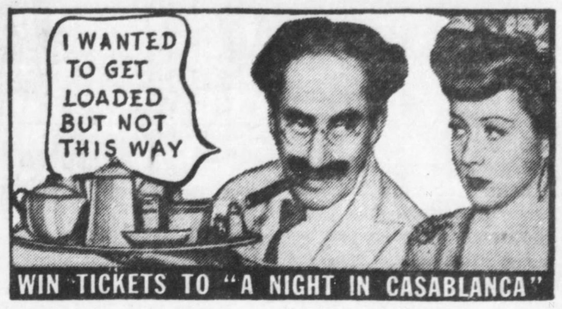

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Chanteuse

DURING the war, Virginia O'Brien did her stuff for G.I. audiences everywhere. Her slick song delivery and warm smile made friends and influenced morale—even though she rarely cracks a smile on the screen.

Historic A-Bomb Test Reproduced In Film

HOLLYWOOD — On filmland's largest sound stage, at M-G-M, the famous Chicago "pile" scene of the first atomic chain reaction known to man, has been duplicated as closely as security restrictions still governing the atom bomb will allow. It will be one of the highlights sequences of "The Beginning Or the End," a scene described by scientists as possibly the greater moment in the history of the world.

The set reproduces the squash court beneath the grandstand of Stagg Field at the University of Chicago, where the momentous experiment was made on Dec. 2, 1942. The "pile," a structure twenty feet high and sixteen feet wide, is surrounded by replicas of scientific instruments built at great cost by the studio.

Ratoff's Direction Cues Picture's Action With 'Sansashonal' Results

Great art is a universal language in itself. And that goes for the art of directing motion pictures — even when its technique is expressed by Gregory aRtoff who does giddy things with the non-universal language of English.

On the set of 20th Century-Fox's new Technicolor musical, "Do You Love Me," now showing at the Paramount Theatre, Ratoff was explaining the special feeling he wanted in one sequence of the hilarious story of a conservative girl who turned "femme fatale" with a vengeance. Stars Maureen O'Hara, Dick Haymes and Harry James, although a bit bewildered, listened attentively.

"Deek," instructed Ratoff, "you are buring at this two-beet trumpet man, stealing these lovely creature. Harry, you joost be charmeeng, eegnore thees stoopeed crooner, keep geeving Miss O'Hara that wolf look. Both of you, yo uare polite, but beeter.

"Maureen, you are enjoying these, like playing the needle weeth two ends. Now, camera."

The scene is difficult, with fast repartee, and it is a long, moving-camera shot. But everything goes perfectly.

"Sansashonal," enthuses Ratoff. "Vonderful. How do you all do it so good?"

Dick grins: "I just pretended I was Harry James, and some dope was trying to beat my time with Betty Grable."

Harry tops him: "I just remembered Betty didn't marry a crooner, and acted like a guy who could take a pretty girl away from a crooner any day."

"And you, Maureen," asks Ratoff, carrying the gag.

Maureen's subtle answer silences both of them.

"Easy," she ribs, "I just pretended to find both of them terribly attractive."

MAKING TRACKS

Hollywood's curreint vogue for railroad pictures has caught up with Paulette Goddard, Fred MacMurray and others in Paramount's "Suddenly It's Spring." They have spent three weeks filming train sequences.

Star Scores Again As A Songwriter

HOLLYWOOD—Mickey Rooney, who wrote a dozen songs while overseas, has just sold the first of the lot to publishers, and received word that this week it will be recorded by the King Cole Trio. The number has the catchy title, "Just for Once, Think Twice." Mickey is currently starring in his first postwar film role in "Uncle Andy Hardy."

Mickey wrote both music and the lyrics for the ditty, the sixth Rooney tune to be published. The others were written and sold prior to his Army service.

Use Of Famous Rooms For Goddard Picture

HOLLYWOOD. — First of the panel rooms from New York mansions and museums purchased last fall by Paramount was marked in "Suddenly It's Spring" co-starring Paulette and Fred MacMurray.

Largest interior set was a night club, constructed of panels from the ballroom of the 60-year-old Vanderbilt home. This had been the largest private ballroom in America, and was especially designed and constructed for the Vandermilt family in France. Experts declare it cannot be duplicated in this country.

CONSCIENTIOUS GAIL

Gail Russell is one star to whom a career is a full-time job. Even between films the star of Paramount's "Calcutta" does not relax, insisting on answering as much of her fan mail in person as is possible.

Cronyn Portrays Famed Physicist In A-Bomb Film

HOLLYWOOD — Hume Cronyn, one of Hollywood's most versatile character actors, has been given his most challenging role, the portrayal of the brilliant University of California physician, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "The Beginning or the End." Dr. Oppenheimer was the man who guided the work of approximately 1500 scientists in the mammoth atom bomb project.

Cronyn was recently acclaimed for his performances in "The Postman Always Rings Twice" and "The Green Years."

TWO-WHEELER

Barry Fitzgerald, who rides to Paramount every day on a motorcycle for his part in "California," has owned six motorbikes.

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From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Director of Education and Recreation
Sports Editor

Sometimes I wonder if the troubles of Europe could not be settled by paying more attention to sports. What they need over there is more contact on the field of sports, instead of on the battlefield. They need something over there to keep their minds off war.

"Birdie" Rule

I have always been a firm believer that the influence of good sports is a great factor in the formation of character.

I would suggest that the United States forget all about all the diplomats and politicians of the European nations and seend three or four thousand athletic coaches across the oceans and interest the youth of those countries in baseball, basketball, football and other sports.

We talk about the Hitler youth. If we are ever going to destroy the influence of Nazism in the minds of the German youth, we should try to do it in the most appropriate way. We should get them interested in sports. There should be a coach in every school in Germany and let them get used to the American way of life. And let the German people pay the salaries.

I don't know of a better way to afford a vent for pent-up feelings and emotions than a baseball or a football game. If they had organized several baseball leagues, instead of the League of Nations, there would not have been a second world war.

What has made America great? I don't think it is due entirely to our great Constitution, it is due mostly to the spirit of fair play which has been developed in the youth of our land. There never was a cruel American soldier, either in World War I or II.

What the European nations need more than anything else is to develop the spirit of play, get better acquainted, cultivate friendships and learn the fact that the man you hate is the man you don't know.

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Girls when they went out to swim
Once dresesd like Mother Hubbard;
Now they have a bolder whim:
They dress more like her cupboard.

* * *

The world's shortest poem:
FLEAS
Adam
Had 'em.

* * *

Tom Burke, Local 12 vice-president, went into a restaurant on Friday and asked the waiter if he had any whale or shark. When he got "no" for an answer he said, "Well, then, bring me corned beef and cabbage, the Lord knows I asked for fish."

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Telephone conversation:
"Hello, Beatrice, is yo' gwine marry me?"
"Sho' is. Who is dis?"

Golf Tourney Planned

Eddie Kurek has been appointed chairman of the golf committee in charge of the golf tournament which will be sponsored by Local 12, UAW-CIO.

It is planned to hold the tournament on or about August 10. Arrangements are being made to secure a golf course which will be able to accommodate the large number of golfers for the occasion.

All CIO golfers planning on entering their names for the tournament are asked to contact Eddie Kurek, or the Local 12 Recreation Department.

All-Stars Practice

Manager Harry Hyatt, of the Local 12 All Stars softball team, announces that practice sessions will be held at 6 p. m. on Monday and Thursday of next week.

The place has not been decided upon, but announcements will appear in the Toledo daily papers.

All former Local 12 All-Stars and new candidates are asked to attend the practice sessions.

Any information required may be obtained by calling the Local 12 Recreation Department, Main 9126.

Ohio Fishing Licenses Soar

The first five days of June showed sales of 90,000 Ohio fishing licenses at the new price of $1 each plus the 10 cents issuance fee. Commissioner H. A. Rider said this is a gain of $50,000 over the first five days of June last year.

A total of 900,000 fishing licenses have been printed and assigned to dealers this year. Mr. Rider said that that number may nt be enough, considering present rapid sales.

Who was the highest paid major league baseball coach?

Art Fletcher. He received $12,000 from the Yankees in 1945.

Local 12 Softball League Schedule

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 6:30 P. M.

Spicer Unit vs. DeVilbiss Unit at Wilson Park No. 1
Gordon Bumper vs. PAC at Wilson No. 2
Save Electric vs. Mather Spring at Beatty No. 1
Willys Unit vs. National Supply at Beatty No. 2
Champion Spark Plug vs. Toledo Tools at Willys No. 1
Industrial Rubber vs. Toledo Scales at Willys No. 3
Acklin Stamping vs. Hall Manufacturing at Willys No. 4

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 6:30 P. M.

Acklin Stamping vs. Toledo Tools at Willys Park No. 1
Spicer Unit vs. Mather Spring at Willys No. 3
Gordon Bumper vs. DeVilbiss Unit at Willys No. 4
Willys Unit vs. Toledo Scales at Highland No. 1
Hall Manufacturing vs. PAC at Highland No. 2
Save Electric vs. National Supply at Wilson No. 1
Champion Spark Plug vs. Industrial Rubber at Wilson No. 2

Local 12 Baseball Team Has Clean Slate

By virtue of defeating the Unitcast team Sunday by the score of 10 to 1, the Local 12 baseball team ran their string of victories to four straight in the American League of the Toledo Amateur Baseball Federation. This string of victories against no defeats puts the Unionmen in the top position of the American League.

The Local 12 batsmen collected nine hits, including a triple by third baseman Dorman Stecker with two mates on base. Johnny Mertes, Local 12 catcher, assisted in a freak putout when he caught a batted ball on the rebound after it had hit the rubber on the pitcher's mound, and then threw the runner out at first base.

Joe Schuette played a good game at right field but was replaced by Mike Toth in the sixth inning. With a runner on first base, a ball was driven to the outfield and it looked like a hit for extra bases. However, Toth made a spectacular running catch of the fly ball, and then doubled the Unitcast runner at first after he had taken a long leadoff.

Paul Beamer, manager of the Local 12 baseball team did a fine job on the mound for his team and limited the Unitcast sluggers to four scattered hits.

The Local 12 baseball team will play an exhibition game against the Blissfield (Mich.) Merchants at 8 p. m. tonight at Blissfield. All Local 12 fans are invited to attend the game.

On Sunday, June 9, the Local 12 team will play the Schmidt's Beers in a regular Toledo Amateur Baseball Federation game at Ottawa Park. The game will begin at 3 p m. and Manager Beamer announces that Carl Wilson who won a 14-inning game against the Perrysburg Chevrolets, will get the mound assignment.

Local 12 Softball Standings

	W	L
Political Action Committee	5	0
Gordon Bumper	4	0
DeVilbiss Mfg.	3	1
National Supply	4	2
Spicer Unit	3	2
Mather Spring	3	2
Willys Unit	2	2
Toledo Scales	2	2
Industrial Rubber	2	3
Champion Spark Plug	2	3
Hall Mfg.	1	3
Acklin Stamping	1	4
Save Electric	0	4
Toledo Tools	0	4

Crack Negro Team To Play Series Here

The Kansas City Monarch-Cleveland Buckeye Negro American League Baseball Game, scheduled for Swayne Field, Tuesday night, June 11th, at 8:30, spotlights a three-game card offered here within a period of six days. The World Champion Cleveland Buckeyes, who use Swayne Field as their home grounds, entertain Atlanta Crackers, Southern Association Champions, at 8:30 Thursday night, June 6th, while Jimmy Wilson's Toledo Cubs will play host to the Zulu Cannibal Giants on Sunday afternoon June 9th, in a 3 o'clock game.

The Monarch-Buckeye game is expected to set a new attendance mark for Swayne Field.

American League Leaders

This is the Local 12 baseball team which is resting in top place of the American League of the Toledo Amateur Baseball Federation. They have won four games and lost none. The players are, front row, Donald Martin, batboy; Pete Severhoff, 2b; Paul Beamer, manager; "Irish" LaFollette, cf; and Eddie Severhoff, ss. Back row, Mike Toth, rf; Bill Haffelder, lf; Fred Hakius, 1b; Dorman Stecker, 3b; Joe Schuette, rf; and Johnny Mertes, catcher.

P.A.C. Softball Team Leads Local 12 League

The Political Action Committee team of the Local 12 Softball League continued to knock over their opposition when they defeated the strong DeVilbiss Manufacturing team Tuesday night by the score of 8 to 1. The PAC boys have won five games and have lost none to date. Art Marshall pitched for the winners and allowed the DeVilbiss nine four hits. Fred Fleming played a fine defensive game for the Politicians.

Harry Hyatt

The Gordon Bumper team continued with a clean slate as they nosed out the Spicer Unit players at Beatty Park to the tune of 9 to 7. The winners collected 13 hits from the offerings of Bill Joyce and Wiggy Keeler. Three Spicer batsmen hit home runs, Meyers, Grabowski, and Pohl but two errors accounted for the margin of victory for the Gordon players. A home run by Doley also helped the cause of the victors.

Mather Spring dumped over the Toledo Tools by the overwhelming score of 20 to 2 at Wilson Park. Chester Wolindzinski hit a home run and two doubles for the Springers while his teammates held the Tools to four bingles.

The Indusrial Rubber boys wallopped the Acklin Stamping nine 12 to 1 in their contest at Willys Park. Heavy hitting featured this game as John Grand connected for a home run with a mate on base and Eddie Gill slammed a triple with the bases loaded.

Other results of the games include a 13 to 7 victory for the National Supply team over the Hall Mfg. players at Willys Park; Willys Unit surprised a good Champion Spark Plug team and won by the score of 3 to 1 at the same park; and the Toledo Scales defeated the Save Electric outfit, 7 to 2 at Wilson Park.

Weightlifters

Do you think that one man can pull a 130-ton engine? Well, it has been done. Six husky gandy dancers pulled futilely at the 130-ton Mercury in New York and didn't budge it. Then the mighty Charles Atlas put his powerful sinews to the task of pulling the behemoth of the rails. Yes, he actually did pull it 32 full feet, believe it or not, amid the applause of hundreds of spectators.

Keep training, you weightlifters, and your day will come when you can perform some unusual feat of strength.

Join the Local 12 Weightlifting Class.

Little Time For Practice

Joe Gasparella, one of the most promising candidates for the quarterback post on the 1946 edition, is an architectural student at Notre Dame. He has classes until 5 o'clock on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and misses practice completely. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays he can reach the field by 4:30 p. m. which gives him about a half hour workout. His only chance to catch up comes on Saturday afternoons when he goes through an extra long session.

UAW-CIO Night

The second annual UAW-CIO Baseball Night will be held on Tuesday, July 23, at Swayne Field when the Toledo Mud Hens will play the St. Paul Saints. There will also be a preliminary game at 5:30 p. m. when the Local 12 baseball team will tangle with their old rivals, the Old Dutch Beer outfit.

Elaborate plans are being made by the committee in charge of the arrangements to attract the largest crowd ever to assemble for a sports event at Swayne Field.

Fishing without a license continues to be the most common breach of conseravtion law which lands offenders in court, but the latest conservation department monthly prosecutions report lists, among routine cases, arrests for such novel offenses as shooting pike and taking fish with a garden rake.

Heminger Sprains Thumb; Smith Wins By Kayo

In the five-round feature bout of the Local 12 Boxing Show Monday night in the Civic Auditorium, Art Rae, popular Local 12 lightheavyweight, won the judge's decision over Carl Mays, of the Douglass Center, and winner of the E. T. O. championship of India.

The bout was interesting and very close throughout the five rounds. Rae had the advantage in height and reach, but the crouching style of Mays had the Local battler bewildered at first. Rae used his reach to advantage and kept the Douglass Center boy at arms length, but several times Mays got under Rae's defense and landed some hard blows to the head and mid-section.

Originally, the main bout was scheduled between Jerry Heminger, Fremont and Paul Simpson, Golden Gloves champion of Cleveland. The bout was called ofr because of a hand injury sustained by Heminger during a gymnasium workout. It is planned to bring these two well-known fighters together in a later Local 12 boxing show.

The largest crowd of the season attended the show and the fight fans displayed their approval of the judge's decisions by loudly applauding the results.

One knockout sparked the fightfest when Norman Smith, Local 12 middleweight, administered a technical kayo to Paul Bitonti in the second round of their set-to. These boys are middleweights.

Another good bout on the program was one in which Leland Strahm, Golden Gloves middleweight titleist of Marion, Ohio, won the decision over Fred Steibler, of the Murphy A. C., after three rounds of continuous slugging. Strahm was just a little too experienced for the Toledo lad, but the fight was a thriller and well received by the fans.

Little Tito Clarey, the pride of the Local 12 A. C., won for the second time over Charles Tomarchio of the Annunciation A C., Detroit. Results of the other bouts on the thrill-packed card saw Charley Whitebeaver, Detroit, beat Bud Sheckles of the Murphy A C.; Harold Paupaid, Toledo, won in a good match from Frank Galindo, Detroit; Bill Spafford beat Joe Cook, both of the Local 12 gymnasium; Jerry Holbrook, Highland Park Boys' Club, won a hard-earned decision from Leo Fontera, and Martin Gilday, Detroit, beat Harve Dusseau, Local 12 A. C.

14th Ward To Open Season

...ay, "Once in baseball, ... baseball," which is a ...e in judging the 14th W... baseball Old-timers. Figuring their active baseball days are over they turned to the coaching angle which might help develop future baseball stars.

Starting with six junior teams, coached by members of the organization the loop has expanded to include four teams of high school boys.

On June 9 the results will be noticeable when the high-schoolers take the field to open the season in the loop. The Tigers will collide with the Dodgers and the Cardinals will engage the Yankees, following the opening game ceremonies which will include the march to the flag pole by all four teams and the coaches.

Charles Wertz, welfare director, will signal the opening of the season by pitching the first ball, preceding brief talks by Judges Stanley Grzezinski, Norris and Straub. Also scheduled for brief talks are Councilmen Tom Burke and Ollie Czelusta. Joe Wawrzyniak, club president, will introduce the speakers.

In for a good share of credit will be boosters of baseball who sponsored full teams. They are Richard Gosser Melvin Schultz Walter Wilczynski, Joe Wagner and Andy Pawlowski, who will represent the Tony Wroblewski American Legion Post No. 18.

On June 12 the juniors will take the field with the same names depicting association teams. Scheduled for the Wednesday fray are the Millers Brewers, Saints, Red Birds, Blues and the Mud Hens.

Floyd Kaminski is chairman of the sports committee and Attorney Robert Konwin is baseball commissioner.

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